



South Dakota

DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL RELATIONS



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OUR DEPARTMENT'S MISSION

- Recognize the nine sovereign tribes who share our geographical borders as distinct political entities.
- Support their self-governance efforts.
- Work with their chosen leaders in a cooperative government-to-government relationship in order to improve the quality of life for all South Dakota citizens.
- Identify, develop and/or coordinate federal state and local resources to increase partnerships between state and tribal agencies.
- Introduce and/or support any legislation that would improve the quality of life for the Native American population in the state.



LETTER FROM SECETARY FLUTE

Department of Tribal Relations

Greetings.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and spent quality time with family and friends.

The Department of Tribal Relations continues to advance our goals and objectives, always keeping the best interest of all South Dakotans at the forefront. We have an open line of communication for all the tribes and tribal officials in our state and look forward to working with newly elected tribal leaders.

I would like to thank Senate Majority Leader, Representative Gary Cammack, for inviting me to share some opening remarks at the Midwest Legislative Conference. I appreciate the regional Native legislators from North Dakota and Kansas that introduced themselves, shared their good thoughts, and took a group photo.

In honor of Suicide Prevention Month (September) our department continues to work with other state agencies and tribal partners on the suicide prevention initiative. We look forward to continuing our messaging and sharing our efforts of awareness and prevention at upcoming tribal events.

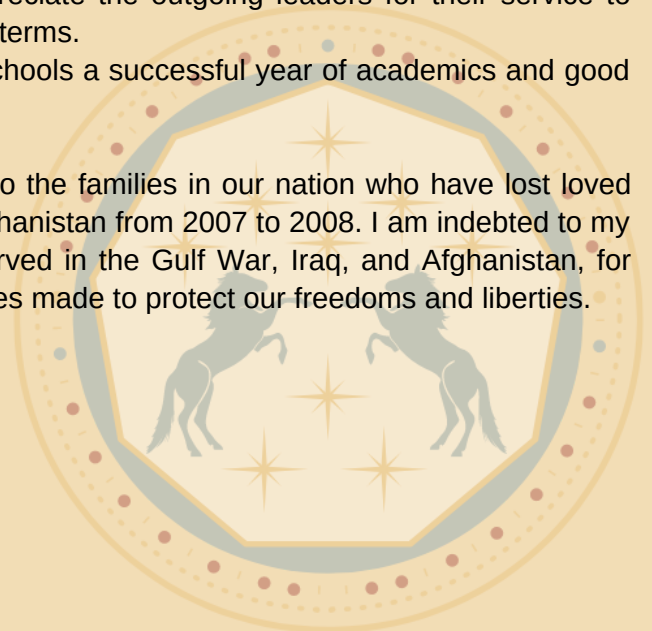
I would like to applaud the South Dakota Native Tourism Alliance on their official launch of the Native American Tourism Development and Management Plan. I am grateful to George Washington University for their long-term collaboration and assistance with all stake holders, and I look forward to continuing to participate and assist whenever called upon.

Congratulations to newly elected tribal leaders. I look forward to working with each of you on issues that are important to state-tribal relations. I also appreciate the outgoing leaders for their service to their people and the issues we worked-on during their terms.

With schools opening, I truly wish all students in all schools a successful year of academics and good luck in all athletic activities.

In closing, I want to share my thoughts and prayers to the families in our nation who have lost loved ones during the attack in Kabul. I myself served in Afghanistan from 2007 to 2008. I am indebted to my military brothers and sisters of South Dakota that served in the Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan, for their service, the sacrifices they made, and their families made to protect our freedoms and liberties.

Cabinet Secretary,
David Flute



FROM THE

OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION



SCHOOLS AWARDED GRANTS FOR IMPLEMENTING OSEU THROUGH THE CIVICS AND HISTORY INITIATIVE

PIERRE, S.D. – The first round of recipients of Civics and History Initiative pilot grants have been announced. Funded projects highlight the sacrifices of WWII veterans, implement the We the People program, and expand the study of Native American culture using the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards.

[Link to Full Article](#)



BACK TO SCHOOL RESOURCES

STRONG SCHOOLS 2021-22

SD Department of Education

- [Keep Calm – Recognize – Respond](#)
- [Federal COVID Funding](#)

BUREAU OF INDIAN ED RESOURCES

US Bureau of Indian Education

- [Strategies for Safely Reopening
Elementary and Secondary Schools](#)
- [Roadmap to Reopening Safely and
Meeting All Students' Needs](#)
- [Higher Education Strategies for Safe
Operations](#)

SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES

SD Department of Social Services

- [High School Toolkits](#)
- [College Campus Toolkits](#)
- [Reach for Life](#)

RESOURCES FOR TEACHING OCETI SAKOWIN ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDINGS



[Oceti Sakowin Essential
Understandings & Standards](#)



[Oceti Sakowin Essential
Understandings
Instructional Resources](#)

To request these print resources or inquire about additional resources, please contact Senior Secretary, Trista Olsen.

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THE OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION PRESENTS:

INDIAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2021



AKHÍPTAN

October 25th & 26th

Virtual Event

SAVE THE DATE

Registration Information Coming SOON!



JUNE - AUGUST

IN THE NEWS



ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE BRINGS REMAINS OF CHILDREN HOME FROM FORMER BOARDING SCHOOL

7/19/2021

 [Listen Here](#)

OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE LAUNCHES HOUSEHOLD ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

7/8/2021

 [Read Here](#)

SD NATIVE TOURISM ALLIANCE HOPES TO BOOST NATIVE-OWNED TOURISM, PROFITS

8/24/2021

 [Listen or Read Here](#)

NATIONAL TRIBAL VIRTUAL BROADBAND SUMMIT SEPTEMBER 17, 24 & OCTOBER 1, 2021

US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

 [Register Here](#)

STORY LINKS

6/22 - Secretary Haaland
Announces Federal Indian
Boarding School Initiative

7/26 - USDA Seeks
Applications for Rural
Energy for America
Program

8/4 - Interior and Justice
Department Takes Next
Steps in Implementation of
Not Invisible Act

8/6 - Readout of the
Second Meeting of the
White House Council on
Native American Affairs

STORY LINKS

8/6 - Readout of the Second Meeting of the White House Council on Native American Affairs

8/18 - Rapid City Establishes First Lakota Immersion Kindergarten Program

8/26 - USDA to Invest \$50 Million in New Cooperative Agreements for Racial Justice and Equity

8/26 - Inmate Healing At Prison Pow-Wow in Springfield



**SD DOH
COVID-19
Updates**



**IHS
COVID-19
Updates &
Resources**



**GPTLHB
COVID-19
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Resources**



NEW

VISIT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE **SDTRIBALRELATIONS.SD.GOV**

New Features

Accessibilities

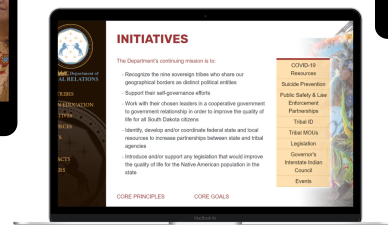
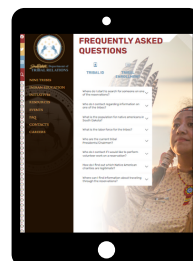
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- Viewed easily on most PCs, tablets, or cellphones.
- Compliant with software for the blind and visually impaired.

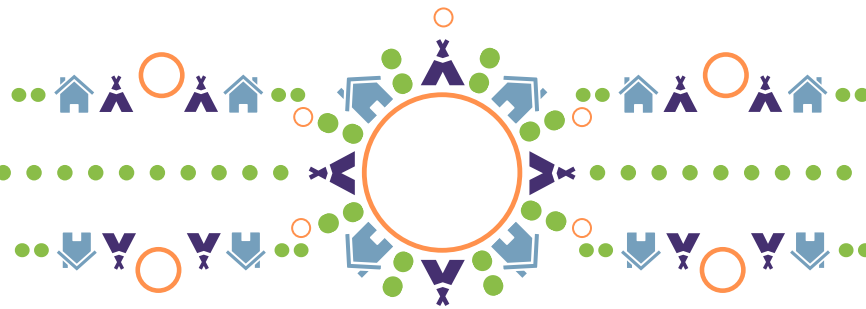
Updated

- Design and Graphics
- Tribal ID Information
- Tribal Statistics

Tribal Contact Database

Search for state, tribal, federal, private, and public sector contacts that pertain to South Dakota Native Americans and Tribes.





METH SUMMIT 4

FAMILY SUPPORT
YOUTH PREVENTION
& COMMUNITY HEALING

OCTOBER 21, 2021

10:30 AM TO 3:30 PM (CST)

ONLINE EVENT VIA ZOOM

You're invited to join the Dept of Tribal Relations, Dept of Social Services, and other addiction care and prevention professionals for a day of connecting, sharing, & growing!

MORNING SESSION:

10:30 TO 12:30

Youth Focused Prevention Program Panel

- *Lakota Youth Development*
- *Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP)*

Mini Session: SD Helpline

LUNCH BREAK: 12:30 TO 1:30

AFTERNOON SESSION:

1:30 TO 3:30

Family Centered Recovery & Healing

- *SD Urban Indian Health*

Mini Session: Narcan Q&A

[Click Here to Register](#)



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SERVICES & INFORMATION



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COVID-19: TALK. SUPPORT. HELP.



METH ADDICTION IS
EVERYONE'S PROBLEM.



EVERY ONE OF US
has the power to save a life.



BY OFFERING A HELPING HAND
to other families in our communities,
we can build "Stronger Families
Together".



SDResponse.gov is a source for accurate, up-to-date information
regarding emergency incidents.

- [Drought Information and Assistance](#)
- [Fire Danger](#)



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September is Suicide Prevention Month

**Be the one to reach out and help save a life.
Be the one to change someone's mind.**



RESOURCES FOR OUTREACH

- ◆ [Community Toolkits](#)
- ◆ [Tribal Mental Health Social Media Kit](#)
- ◆ [Order Suicide Prevention Print Materials](#)

AMERICAN INDIAN SUICIDES IN SOUTH DAKOTA

THE FACTS

- Suicide is the 7th LEADING CAUSE of death among American Indians, 2020
- American Indian suicide rates are 2.5x HIGHER than White rates, 2011-2020
- Males account for 63% of suicides, Females 37%, 2011-2020
- The rate of suicide is highest among YOUNG ADULTS (ages 20-29), 2011-2020

[COMPLETE INFOGRAPHIC FROM DSS](#)

